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Casino tax increase to fund faculty pay raises

by Scott Balcerzak

After last week's special session, state House and Senate members finally agreed to increase river boat casino taxes to raise teacher and faculty pay in the state. The final draft of the legislation will allow South Louisiana riverboats to operate dockside and is expected to generate more than $43 million for public school teachers and more than $19 million for higher-education faculty.

"The people of Louisiana have reason to be proud," Governor Mike Foster said in a statement released last week. "This special session has been a great success. I want to thank the strong majority of House and Senate members who joined me in supporting these efforts to dedicate new funding to education."

One of the major controversies during the session was if the riverboats in the Shreveport-Bossier City area, which are already operating dockside, should be affected by the tax increase. In the plan worked out last week, these boats will experience a type of lesser increase. While the South Louisiana boats will increase from 18.5 percent to 21.5 percent, Northwest boats will increase to only 19.5 percent.

The tax on Northwest Louisiana will increase 1 percent annually, reaching 21.5 percent in April 2003.

The increase of Shreveport-Bossier City casino taxes is expected to pump an additional $9 million to $10 million into the pay raise fund each year.

Response to the tax increases have been mixed. Some North Louisiana senators and representatives, such as Rep. Billy Montgomery, D-Haughton and Sen. Max Malone, R-Shreveport, have criticized the plan's inclusion of local casinos.

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LSUS student kidnapped, escapes

by Matthew Morris

An LSUS student was allegedly kidnapped and held against her will in a former boyfriend's apartment last Wednesday March 21.

Denell Lee, 22, was charged last Thursday with simple kidnapping and false imprisonment as a result of the incident.

According to the Shreveport Times, the victim was allegedly kidnapped after leaving work when Lee hid in the backseat of her car.

After an escape attempt, she was allegedly recaptured and taken back to Lee's apartment but was able to escape Wednesday night.

This is the latest in a series of incidents involving Lee and his ex-girlfriend.

Last December, the girlfriend had reported that Lee had stolen her car from her apartment in the University Court Apartments (UCA).

She also alleged that he had stolen some CDs and her apartment keys.

She told police that she was worried he was hiding in her apartment but they searched and found nothing.

The vehicle was later returned.

In January, Lee was charged with simple battery after an incident involving his ex-girlfriend.

She reported to campus police that he had pushed her down and choked her in her apartment at the UCA.

After going to work she threw away some computer equipment he had given her because she believed it had been stolen.

Campus police recov-

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What exactly is... sodomy?

by Audrey L. Brabham

Sodomy, a concept on the minds of many I'm sure, goes back to its origin in what some may call Biblical times. Sodom was the ancient city destroyed by God for its wickedness, in Genesis 19. According to some theologians, Sodom was the source of vice, infamy and judgment. Referred to in its rawest form throughout the Bible, the antics of the unruly city have now been deemed sodomy.

Thousands of years later, rather than calling for destruction from God, similar acts see strict scrutiny by the courts. Each state varies in its description and consequence for the crime. Designated a crime against nature, Louisiana turns to the penal code — no pun intended — of Illinois for a more detailed definition of sodomy. Louisiana statutes are as follows. .

Aggravated crime against nature is crime against nature committed under any one or more of the following circumstances;

1) When the victim resists the act to the utmost, but such resistance is overcome by force;

2) When the victim is prevented from resisting the act by threats of great and immediate bod-

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any of several medieval treatises on a branch of knowledge (as the 9th century Arabic translation of Ptolemy's Greek work on astronomy)
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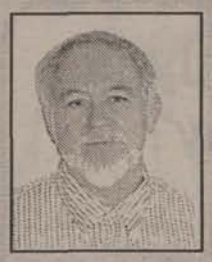

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From the editor

Last week, after I handed out several issues of *The Almagest* (with rats and sick-building syndrome on the cover) admissions counselor Chris Greer and I discussed the inherent differences in our jobs. Greer stated that he "tries to show the university in the best light possible" to attract applicants.

I respect that.

I believe that the best light possible is a total and complete light that is pure and illuminates all this university has to offer as well as all that this university could improve upon. I believe that if people have all the facts up front, then they won't feel the sting of betrayal when they find out that the "best" light isn't all the light.

I believe that Chris Greer respects that.

Jerry Sumrall, however, has no respect and is desperate to get some.

Sumrall has libelously accused me of misconduct for bringing you (and prospective students) the light.

His accusation is false on several levels, but first of all I NEVER handed out any photocopied articles to anyone as he stated in a letter to Shannon Murphy. Second, (and this is the most audacious outrage) I HAVE NEVER TRIED TO DISSUADE ANYONE FROM ATTENDING THIS UNIVERSITY. I love this university. This is the fourth university I have attended and I assure you it is the best.

It may seem that I hate LSUS, but I don't. Sometimes I have to play the part of the bad guy in order to show others what can be enhanced in our educational experiences. I may possibly be more in touch with the student body than anyone else on campus. I talk to students all day, everyday and more importantly, I listen to them.

My fellow students read *The Almagest* more than ever before. In times of need they seek me out for either action or advice. If they want something done, they take it to *The Almagest*.

I love LSUS and I'm grateful for the experience that I have had here. I believe that Jerry Sumrall is jealous of *The Almagest's* effectiveness and influence and is making another immature attempt (such as when he ridiculed Scott Balcerzak's name) to save face in front of his peers.

I believe that Sumrall has been brooding over the bad press and criticism that he has received from this newspaper and is looking for revenge (but he'll probably just make more bad press for himself).

This is the only context of character that can possibly explain Sumrall's actions. A context very unbecoming to anyone with governmental authority.

The light will shine.

Mark Rogers, Editor-in-Chief

Calendar of events

Thu March 29
SGA meeting, 10:30 a.m., UC

Fri March 30
Baseball: LSUS vs. Talladega College, 2 p.m.; at LSUS

"The Cripple of Inishmaan," Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, 8 p.m., $8 for students; today through April 7

Sat March 31
Baseball: LSUS vs. Talladega College, noon; at LSUS

Sun April 1

Mon April 2
Early registration advising for 2001 summer/ fall begins

Ultimate frisbee play starts

Tue April 3
Resume writing workshop, 10:30 a.m., UC

Society of Reason meeting, 5 p.m., UC

Baseball: LSUS vs. McNeese State University, 7 p.m.; in Lake Charles

Wed April 4

Thu April 5
SGA meeting, 10:30 a.m., UC

Professionalism, 10:30 a.m., UC

Early registration by phone for 2001 summer/fall begins

Last day to submit thesis

Fri April 6
SOC meeting, noon, UC

Academic awards ceremony 12:15 UC theater - Professor of the Year Award to be given

Sat April 7
Baseball: LSUS vs. Belhaven College, 1 p.m.; in Jackson, MS

Sun April 8
First day of Passover

Palm Sunday

"The Cripple of Inishmaan," Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, 2 p.m., $8 for students

Spring Fling

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The questions have certainly been asked and maybe it's time to answer them or at least make an attempt to answer them. Yes, the SGA President and Vice President receive fully paid scholarships for the fall and spring semesters in which they hold office. Yes, the candidates must serve as an SGA senator for at least one year. No this is not intended "to keep those scholarships available to a selected amount of senators" as Scott Balcerzak stated in the March 22 issue of the "Almagest."

I agree it would seem as if it were true, and it is definitely an arguable case. No the SGA is not more interested in the financial well-being of its Senators than allowing other "qualified" students to run for office. Is the one-year service as an SGA Senator requirement to run for SGA President or Vice President too much? I don't believe it is because it takes a dedicated Senator almost a whole semester to "learn the ropes" well enough to know exactly where the SGA and its members stand on the issues which are currently being addressed as well as how to propose their own ideas to the SGA.

Once this process is learned, it still takes time to realize exactly how much the SGA President and Vice President actually do or should do. They should be at every LSUS function when possible, attend the Faculty Senate meetings, attend all other meetings in which the students' voice should be heard, and make themselves available to the students. They work for the LSUS students. The scholarships are given to ease their financial burden because we don't want them working very often off campus. We want them on campus representing us, the students, as much as possible.

This of course is in a perfect SGA, which isn't likely to happen since a perfect government at any level is a farce. But they should be expected to do their fair share. If you want to get the scholarship, then run for a Senator position and one year later run for office. But if you're not going to dedicate yourself to the students and LSUS, then stay home, don't vote, and don't worry about what the SGA is trying to do for the students. If you want to be heard, want to try and make a difference, then run for office, take a stand. If you're really dedicated to the students and LSUS, then those two scholarships are just a bonus for doing what you feel is in the best interest of the students.

The least you can do as a student is VOTE. Get on the Blackboard System and VOTE. The more students vote, the more force the SGA carries. It's your voice we are trying to make known. Help us help you by VOTING.

Benjamin C. Thomas
College of Education Senator
Sophomore

By the way, there are two College of Business Senator and one College of Education Senator positions open. Here is a chance for three students to make a difference. If you're interested or have anything you feel needs to be addressed, please contact me at bct210gators@yahoo.com . It's my job as a SGA Senator to do whatever possible to help the students.

Hi guys – what's up?

Listen up, thanks for running that ad in the paper. As much time as we spent thinking up the ideas, at least we got some recognition. (whoo hoo! Front page!)

Anyway – we're just trying to have a little fun to campus, and just a little bit of TASTEFUL excitement into our fellow students' lives.

Anyhoo – No harm intended to the Organizations/companies whom the flyers belonged to. (heh – sorry about the "Moby Dick" one… we just couldn't pass up that humorous opportunity.)

Actually, Dr. Raines got 1 out of 4 right. It's 2 guys, a girl… and a monkey. No, just kidding. It's 2 guys and 1 girl – all friends, different majors, different academic levels, and lots of free time. (We don't take getting chewed out so well – so, uh… we won't be emailing her anytime soon! Send her our regards and apologies.)

The reason why we did what we did was because EVERYBODY is tired of seeing all the flyers on campus, and to top it off, the majority of the students don't even read them. And then just think about all the poor janitors who have to pick all the tape and flyers off of the walls and glass.

Lately, there has been a decline in flyers in Bronson Hall (yay!) – so… that could mean goodbye for a while (doh!). We WOULD go to the Business and Education building… but it's too boring there even for us! Students could care less about flyers the UC, so we won't even try there.

Look for us soon.

LSUS Fake Flyer Gang ^_^

Editors note:

Though it is generally against policy to print anonymous letters, we felt that the letter from the "LSUS Fake Flyer Gang" was of sufficient interest to justify its printing. For clarification, the cover story about the flyers in the March 22 issue of the Almagest was an "article" not an "ad." Though the distinction may be blurry in other local publications, we feel it is important, in the interest of our eternal commitment to educational excellence, to note the difference between an article and and ad for those of you who may not be aware.

An "ad" or advertisement is placed by a third party in a publication for monetary compensation, and is generally intended to propagate a certain viewpoint. For example, you can place an ad in the Almagest extolling the benefits of dating you for $5 a column-inch.

An article is an balanced account of an event, person, organization, or anything else that may be of interest to the readership. Though an article may result in publicity, this is not the primary concern. Articles are intended to benefit the reader by informing them.

Ads benefit the writer, articles benefit the reader. For more information, talk to any Mass Comm professor or enroll in an MCOM class today. Thank you for your time.

-the editors

Technology fees fund several programs

by Jeremy Owens

It's that time of year again.

If you're thinking taxes, that's good – get 'em in, but here we're talking about the technology fee proposal time of the year.

For many students the $75 technology fee is a love/hate responsibility. They love it because it plays a role in furnishing the computer labs, the library, and many other campus areas with better equipment. They hate it because it is just another required fee that leaves the poor college student with even less money.

According to the director of computing services, Shelby Keith, the Technology Fee Committee will begin meeting in April to rank each of the 62 faculty/staff and 22 student proposals that have been sent to the committee for review in the 2001- 2002 funding cycle.

So far the approximated cost of all the proposals stands at $480,000; however, the amount available to LSUS stands at $180,000.

Keith says that the whole process of ranking technology fee proposals actually begins with the dean of each college.

He said proposals go to each of the deans first because they know the potential plans for their individual colleges and have an idea of how each proposal could potentially affect future plans.

"However, the deans' ranking does not bind the committee's decisions in any way," Keith clarified. "They are simply used as a guide."

Here is a breakdown of how the technology fee is distributed.

Forty percent goes to Student Life and Learning, a category which includes the student and faculty proposals that are approved by the committee; 30 percent goes to Infrastructure, which includes items such as e-mail system and blackboard maintenance; 20 percent goes to campus labs; and 5 percent goes to the campus reserve.

The Technology Fee Committee is composed of seven student members, six faculty members, and Keith who serves as the Chair of the Committee.

"The student committee members are looking over the student proposals now and any they feel are proper enough will be sent on for full committee ranking," Keith said. "That means it could be zero, it could be every single one, it remains to be seen."

Evaluation issues continue in Faculty Senate

by Scott Balcerzak

During last week's faculty senate meeting, issues concerning faculty and administrative evaluations were atop of the agenda. A new form of administrative evaluations and the revisions of the faculty review and development policies were among the highlights of the March 20 meeting.

The new administrative evaluation system will begin its trial run on April 9. The new process will use the computer blackboard system available at LSUS to ensure privacy among faculty who wish to comment on administrators.

"Last year it was brought to our attention that our current system wasn't really being utilized very well because for a small department there wasn't much anonymity," Dr. Beverly Burden, faculty senate president, said. "Where we're at right now is that many of the questions have to be entered into the blackboard system."

The upcoming trial run will last ten school days and will serve as an introduction to the new process for the faculty.

According to Dr. Stuart Mills, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, the system will continue to be developed as the process continues.

"We'll look at the whole process and refine it," Mills said. "It's an evolutionary process."

The issue of what should be defined as community service when reviewing faculty performance was addressed when discussing the new policy being drafted on faculty review and development. During the meeting, it was noted that some departments on campus only allow activities that are related to a professor's field of expertise to be considered community service. Other departments allow for a wide array of types of community involvement.

"I've been here since 1994 and this is the first time I've seen it come up as a campus-wide issue," Burden said. "But during the faculty senate meeting, there seemed to be a wide range of ideas on what will constitute community service and what won't constitute community service."

She also stated these definitions might never be totally clarified. "Nobody really wanted to define it," Burden said. "You want to keep it somewhat open-ended."

Other issues included the continual refining of the dead week proposal, which asks for no test or major quizzes the week before finals. The proposal is still being reworded in the sections involving the banning of campus social activities during dead week. Despite the revamping, Mills believes the proposal will be implemented for the fall 2001 semester.

"There'll probably be no major differences, only some tweaking in terms of wording," Mills said.

He also stated that response from faculty on the proposal has been quiet. "I haven't received rejections from a particular person or group of people on campus," Mills said.

Also, concerns over task force recommendations were once again discussed during the meeting. Both Mills and Burden believe issues surrounding the recommendations will continue into the next semester. "The task forces were independent administrative committees," Burden said. "But, of course, there are many issues from the recommendations that the senate will deal with."

During the next faculty senate meeting, new faculty members to fill the officer positions will be decided upon. The positions of president, vice president, secretary, and parliamentarian will all have to be filled. The semester's final faculty senate meeting will be held April 19.

First-time sodomizers can receive three to fifteen years in prison

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ily harm accompanied by apparent power of execution;

3) When the victim is prevented from resisting the act because the offender is armed with dangerous weapons; or

4) When through idiocy, imbecility, or any unsoundness of mind either temporary or permanent, the victim is incapable of giving consent and the offender knew or should have known of such incapacity;

5) When the victim is incapable of resisting or understanding the nature of the act, by reason of stupor or abnormal condition of mind produced by a narcotic or anesthetic agent, administered by or with the privity of the offender; or when he has such incapacity, by reason of a stupor or abnormal condition of mind from any cause, and the offender knew or should have known of such incapacity; or

6) When the victim is under the age of 17 years and the offender is at least three years older than the victim

Whoever commits the crime of aggravated crime against nature shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than three nor more than 15 years, such prison sentence to be without benefit of suspension of sentence, probation or parole. As found in LA R.S. 14:89.1.

The statute further states that sodomy is "unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with another of the same sex or opposite sex or with an animal. Emission is not necessary; and when committed by a human being with another, the use of the genital organ of one of the offenders of what ever sex is sufficient to constitute the crime."

The statute further states that sodomy is "unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with another of the same sex or opposite sex or with an animal.

A Louisiana case from the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ou'lines the second sodomy offense. A young woman was arrested after "soliciting unnatural carnal copulation for compensation." The vice saw the woman on Airline Drive, after stopping near the woman, she approached the car and got in. She asked the man if he was the police. The detective replied, "no." He then asked the woman, "how much?"

"Different things cost different money," she replied.

After a series of further inquiries, the detective arrested the woman. To convict someone for prostitution, the state must prove that the "defendant solicited another person with the intent to engage in unnatural carnal copulation for compensation."

The penalty for sodomy, according to the United States Supreme Court, is to be "fined not more than $2,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years or both was not excessive on its face, despite fact prostitution statute carried maximum penalty six months for a first time offender."

The courts have decided that the state may forbid such actions without abridging citizens right to freedom of speech.

SGA discusses athletics, dead week, and Professor of the Year

by Mark Rogers

Larry Rambin, director of athletic services, explained to the March 22 meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA) how LSUS's athletic program runs and what options are available for increased sports activities on campus.

"The current athletic fee of $10 pays for baseball and baseball only," Rambin said. "If we are going to add any other sports, say men's and women's basketball, then we would have to increase the athletic fee to $35."

Rambin answered questions and elaborated on the history of athletics at LSUS. The athletic department began in 1990 and operated on a shoestring budget with part-time instructors. It included baseball, basketball, tennis, and golf. The programs began to crumble from increasing costs and fatigue on the part-time instructors. In 1996, the program had enough money for only one sport: baseball.

After speaking, Rambin asked to be excused to attend another meeting and members of the SGA said they would look into the issue.

Next, Amy Redel, vice president of SGA, chastised the SGA for a lack of assistance in the elections and pleaded for help. "I am begging here. I've asked for help, and I got only two responses from the same two people who help with everything," she said.

Nobody offered to help.

Dr. Gloria Raines, faculty advisor, commented that she had asked for candidates to submit their platforms to be included on the ballot and received none. She also stated that the statute preventing candidates from assisting in elections came from a desire to keep candidates away from the ballot box back in the days of paper ballots. With the new blackboard system in place, candidates could help without an undue advantage. Jared Grabski, a candidate for the college-of–liberal-arts senator stated that he had submitted his application for candidacy and had yet to receive any information at all from the SGA, much less Raines's request for a platform.

Next the SGA discussed worries about the dead week proposal concerning the abolition of student social events. Dr. Beverly Burden, faculty senate president, stated that the proposal was still being fine tuned, but regularly scheduled meetings, events, and publications could continue uninterrupted while other social events would be curtailed according to the intent of the proposal. Burden also complimented the SGA on their use of the blackboard system for their election.

At 10:50 Brad Bowen, senator-at-large, made a motion that the meeting adjourn promptly at 11:10.A new senator, David Watt, was sworn in as a senator-at-large to fill the vacancy left behind by Chris Lee.

Plans were then discussed for the Professor of the Year Award to be presented at the academic awards ceremony on Friday April 6.

Other items discussed were the SGA Banquet; plaques for the president, vice-president, and senator of the year; and a motion to vote for senator of the year at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 11:10 with Dr. Raines asking for members to stay after and affix mailing labels to bulletins about the election process.

Shreveport Symphony offers students inexpensive entertainment

by Raechal Leone

With the future of Napster still somewhat up in the air, students need another form of inexpensive entertainment. Shreveport Symphony Orchestra concerts are one new option.

The organization is offering tickets to students at a substantial discount for select performances through May, according to a press release.

Thirty minutes before a performance, students who present a college ID may purchase the best available seats for $5. Regular ticket prices vary, but range from about $6 to $45.

On April 7, the orchestra will perform Masterworks at the Civic Center at 8 p.m. The performance will be repeated at 3 p.m. the next day.

Paul Robinson, executive director of the symphony, said Masterworks differs from other shows because one of the pieces – Mahler's "Symphony No. 4" – requires an extensive orchestra. "It's only been done once or twice in Shreveport. There are about 75 players," he said.

The program for Masterworks also includes "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copeland, an American composer whom many critics consider one of the greatest of the 20th century. Robinson said that Copeland's pieces were heavily influenced by American folk music.

The third selection, Rodrigo's "Cuatro Madrigales Amatorios," is actually four Spanish songs. Robinson described the songs as "tuneful and short."

Soprano soloist Gale Odom will perform with the orchestra in "Cuatro Madrigales Amatorios" and the last movement of "Symphony No. 4."

Odom is dean of the Hurley School of Music at Centenary College.

An hour before each show, a member of the symphony will discuss the songs on that night's program, detailing the pieces' historical and musical importance.

For more information, call the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra box office at 227-8863.

Problem from Hell

Fill in the digits for the x's which complete the following division problem. The x's may differ from each other.

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Solutions to last week's problems:

a) Since the cube root of 1729 is between 12 and 13, the solutions must be between 1 and 12. This narrows the field. Note that $12^3=1728$, so $1729=1^3+12^3$. The second solution is $1729=10^3+9^3$.

b) First note that for numbers 6 or above, we can write all multiples of 3 by using multiples of 6 and 9. Then by adding 20 to the previous multiples of 3, for numbers 26 and above, we can write all multiples of 3 plus 2. Then for all numbers larger or equal to 46, we can write all numbers which are multiples of 3 plus 1. Now since all numbers are of a multiple of 3, a multiple of 3 plus 1, , or a multiple of 3 plus 2, we can write all numbers above 45 in the form $4m+9n+20k$. Examining the numbers between 40 and 45, we see that 43 cannot be written in the form.

Please submit your answers in writing to Dr. Vekovius in Science 104, or on the internet to Indulgences will be granted for correct answers. Others plan to take an air conditioner...

Liberty seminars to be held at George Mason University

by Lana Parshina

The Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) of George Mason University in Arlington, Va. will hold liberty seminars this summer. General seminars on liberty are open to college students, recent graduates, and graduate students.

Students may apply by mail or via Internet. Accepted applicants are awarded seminar places worth $1,000, which covers programs, rooms, meals, and books.

The money is funded by private contributors who want to encourage a better understanding of liberty. The Institute promotes the study of liberty across a broad range of disciplines, including sociology, journalism, economics and law.

College campuses where seminars will be held include: Princeton University in New Jersey, Pitzer College in Claremont, Cali., Georgetown University in Washington D.C., the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia.

For more information about the program or to apply online, go to www.theIHS.org.

To be accepted, submit a completed application form, a copy of your college transcripts (Photocopies and electronic copies are acceptable) and two essays.

Application deadline is March 31. Late applicants must pay a nonrefundable application fee of $15 to help cover processing costs.

LSUS professor works to preserve Shreveport history

by Jennifer Valeton

Assistant professor of mathematics, Conway Link is an avid fan of old and interesting architecture. Although architecture has intrigued him for the past 25-30 years, a single occurrence led him to take action in preserving historic architecture through photography.

photo by Mark Rogers

Conway Link

In December of 1998, while Link was walking down Texas Street, a vacant lot where an old department store once stood caught his attention. When Link tried to recall the building, he couldn't remember what it looked like.

Link vowed that every day, until the year 2000, he would take pictures everywhere he went in order to preserve historic buildings.

His Y1.999K project contains over 8,000 pictures of old buildings and houses in various parts of the United States. Many of the pictures include people as well because he feels that they give life to the pictures.

Link's pictures have been featured in Bill Griffith's nationally syndicated comic strip, "Zippy the Pinhead," and in the recently published book "Historic Shreveport-Bossier." Link hopes to eventually create a book or exhibition from his Y1.999K project.

Link's passion for preserving historic buildings didn't end with his Y1.999K project. He and a friend purchased for restoration one of the older buildings in downtown Shreveport on Milam Street. The front third of the building is complete and is being rented.

What's his favorite building or picture?

"That's tough," Link replied. "Asking me to pick my favorite is like asking me, 'If I could only pick one building to save which would it be?'"

Link said that there have been about 25 local buildings demolished within a 27-month period; More demolitions are still to come.

At this rate, Shreveport's historical remnants as we know them today, won't be here for future generations to enjoy. Unless, of course, our community comes together to address the problem and takes action to preserve what is left.

Pay raises from casino tax effective July 1

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Other local senators, such as Sen. Foster Campbell, D-Elm Grove, and Sen. Ron Bean, R-Shreveport, ultimately voiced support for the compromised plan.

The tax increase starts on April 1 and the fiscal year in which the public school teachers will receive the increase will begin July 1. The money generated between these two dates is required to go into the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund.

Despite the increases, many educators in the state have still expressed a desire for more financial support from the legislature.

Jackie Lansdale, president of the Caddo Federation of Teachers, recently told The Shreveport Times the raises were simply a good start. Public school teachers will receive a $2000 pay raise next year.

And last week, Higher Education Commissioner Joseph Savoie said the governor and Legislature must further support a statewide community college system and offer more financial support to help four-year schools as they accept the newly implemented master plan.

The new plan, among other things, requires all high school students heading to four-year universities to complete the college preparatory courses required by TOPS, the state's free college tuition program. Some predict the new standards will result in a loss of students and, therefore, a loss of income at state colleges. The new admissions criteria will take effect in fall 2005.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Stuart E. Mills said administrators will simply have to wait to see how the master plan will affect LSUS. "We'll have to first get a full idea of what we need to be doing as a result of the plan," Mills said. "Then we can get a handle on it"

Career Center can help you find a job

by Miller Rountree

Spring is here and summer is not too far away and to most of us that means time to find a summer job. Dr. Brian Hirsch, director of the career planning and placement center, says there are many companies in the Shreveport/Bossier area wanting to hire college students for a summer job.

The LSUS career center helps students find jobs or internships that relate to their major. This is great for students nearing graduation because it can give them an idea as to what jobs they want to apply for after graduation. It's also a great experience to work for a big-name company.

Here is a list of companies that are looking to hire students this summer. SPAR is looking for part-time lifeguards. All casinos and hotels are looking for part-time workers. The good things about jobs in this area is that you can work a lot of weekends and make a tremendous amount of money on tips. As always, retailers are looking for part-time workers.

Dr. Brian Hirsch

If you're looking for internships with big companies contact them at least six months in advance. Based on this year's budgets, government jobs might be available. Walt Disney also has an internship.

The Wall Street Journal has an internship that allows you to work on publication, but this is one you need to sign up for a year in advance. The Department of Energy has an internship that takes four students for a semester and lets them work with research professionals.

Most of these jobs can be found online. For more information contact Hirsch on the second floor of the administration building in the career center.

Biology/Health Science Club seeks new members

by Stephanie McKinzie

The Biology/Health Science Club is up and running with a busy semester. Not only are they involved with many community service projects, they have been occupied with judging various middle school science fair projects and participating in the Science Olympics.

Dr. Beverly Burden, advisor for the organization, stresses that the Biology/Health Science Club is not only for biology majors, but also for anyone interested in any other kind of science. Each month the club brings in guest speakers ranging from veterinarians to physicians telling of the many medical fields.

The club meets every first and third Thursdays of each month. Meeting times vary from common hour to 12:30. Burden says that the 12:30 meeting time offers time for the students who have labs at 2 p.m. with nothing to fill their 12:30-2 time slot.

Also, students who must attend the Student Success Series for scholarship purposes can come to the 12:30 meeting time. The meetings are held in the science building in Room #229.

Membership dues, $10 per year, are used to provide refreshments for meetings and a small gift for each guest speaker.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 5. Students interested in joining are encouraged to attend.

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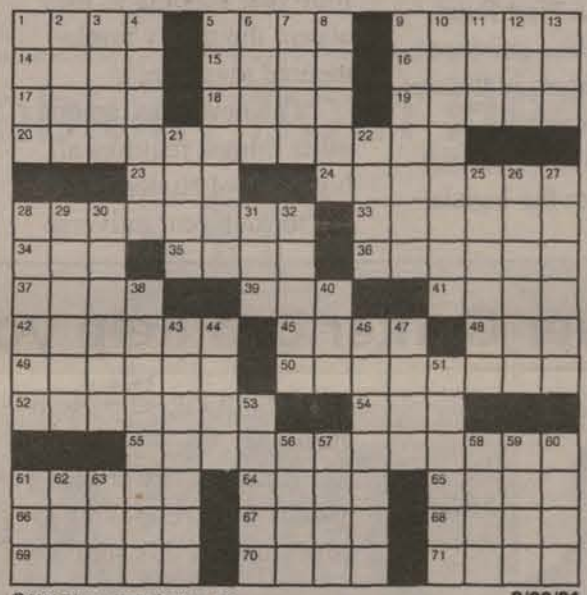

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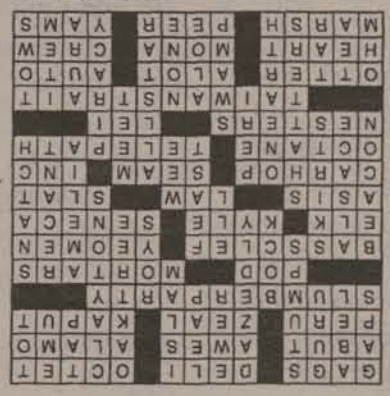

Suspect had been banned from UCA

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ered the property but after investigation found that it had not been reported stolen so they returned it to the woman.

Campus police also confiscated a gun whose owner was unable to be determined.

After this incident, Lee was banned from the UCA.

According to director of the UCA, Sharon Manson, Lee was banned "because he was a threat to one of our residents."

Despite being banned, Lee returned to UCA on March 9 prompting Manson to call the police to report that Lee was at the UCA harassing his ex-girlfriend.

The woman reported having let Lee into her apartment but said that they had gotten into an argument and he had thrown some books at her.

When the police arrived, they could not find him, but later Manson called them again to say that Lee had been seen on the property. Officers were told that Lee had returned to LSUS and was last seen near Bronson Hall.

Though Lee is not a student at LSUS, Manson said she had to have him banned from UCA to protect a UCA resident.

"For her safety we banned him from the property," Manson said.

Bicyclist killed by car on campus

Editor's note: A man was hit by a car and killed last week while riding his bike on the sidewalk on campus, next to East King's highway. Although we didn't have enough room for the entire story this week, we here at *The Almagest* would like to remind **ALL** pedestrians on campus to be careful. Accidents happen, and we hope that this tragedy will inspire caution and help prevent any further accidents. *M.R.*

Fund allots $1000 per professor for research and teaching purposes

by Nicole Chandler

The Office of Academic Affairs has marked April 15 as the final deadline for allocations from the Faculty Development Fund.

All full-time faculty members are expected to present travel vouchers, purchase orders or other approved uses regarding funds to the chair and dean of his or her college for the 2000-2001 academic year.

This funding program, which is now in its fifth year, guarantees every full-time LSUS faculty member $1,000 for research and teaching purposes throughout the academic year.

These funds can be used only for the following purposes: travel for professional development, payment for page costs for publication, specialized supplies for teaching, courseware and software, and specialized journal subscriptions or books.

"The Faculty Development Fund provides support directly from the university for the personal needs of the faculty," said Dr. Stuart Mills, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Chancellor Vincent Marsala designed the program shortly after he became chancellor at the university in the fall of 1995. He had previously been a professor and had realized the inadequate funds professors had to rely on.

"My primary goal was to start it (Faculty Development Fund) up," said Marsala.

From this goal, Marsala developed a program funded by university and private resources and managed by the dean and chair of each college.

Other universities in Louisiana support funding programs that distribute money to members of the faculty in different methods, but the LSUS Faculty Development Fund is clearly distinctive.

According to Mike Ferrell, vice chancellor of business affairs: "we're the only university in the state that has a funding program that (allows) every faculty member to get a part of the faculty development money."

Dr. Merrell Knighten, dean of the college of liberal arts and professor of English, said that faculty members used money from the departmental travel budge to pay for their expenses before the Faculty Development Fund was available.

"Faculty member would oftentimes have to pay for travel and supplies out-of-pocket," said Knighten.

However, Dr. Linda Martin, associate professor of communications, hasn't noticed a dramatic change from the old program. Although Martin uses the money from the development fund for library books and traveling expenses, she still left with many other expenditures to be paid. "The $1,000 doesn't cover the full conferences expenses, so we end up with out-of-pocket expenses."

Fortunately for Martin, Mills reports that he is "working to build on and add on to the program."

He said that "this is a tremendous step forward for the faculty. I am delighted that this institution has this available."

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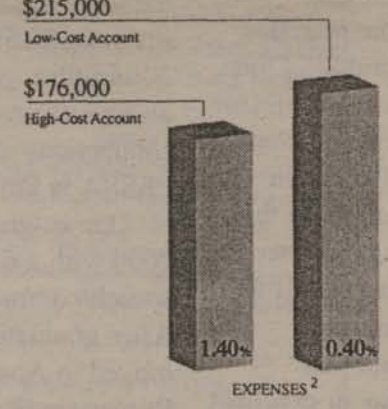

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PRSSA members reap professional benefits

by Darrin Welch

Students often feel that joining pre-professional organizations during college is a waste of time. This perspective, however, should be re-evaluated when it comes to the LSUS chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Since its inception in the mid-1980s, the LSUS chapter of PRSSA has continually provided students with a means of transition from college to the job market.

"I try to stay in touch with my public relations graduates," said Dr. Linda Martin, associate professor of communications, "and they tell me that when PRSSA comes up on their resume during job interviews, the interviewer is always impressed."

Martin said that PRSSA is also an excellent means of just getting your foot in the door for the initial interview. This has definitely been the case for two recent LSUS graduates.

PR graduate, Andrea Villarreal, recently took a position with Gathering of Developers (GODGAMES) in Dallas. The company does PR and marketing for its parent company, Take Two Interactive Software (TSI) – a video game software company based in New York.

"I was hired as an administrator to the Director of Public Relations," said Villarreall. "My job is to work with TSI's public relations team and follow up with specific media persons for possible previews and other publicity."

Villarreal said that she would have probably never heard about the job had it not been for PRSSA.

"I heard about the job from Dr. Martin," said Villareal. "Mike Wilson, the company CEO and former LSUS student, contacted Dr. Martin and told her that he needed someone to fill the position. Dr. Martin then called me, and the rest is history."

Villarreal said that she knows that Dr. Martin would have never considered recommending her for the job had she not been so active in PRSSA.

Another graduate who owes her current job to the connections she made in PRSSA is Emiley Barnes.

Barnes graduated in 2000 with a degree in speech/communications. After graduation, she moved to Austin, TX. Barnes credits her membership in PRSSA for helping open the doors that led to her current job.

"I was looking for a job in Austin," said Barnes, "but, I had no connections. I sent an e-mail to the Austin chapter of the PRSA (Public Relations Society of America) and explained my situation."

Barnes said that she told the PRSA representative that she had been a

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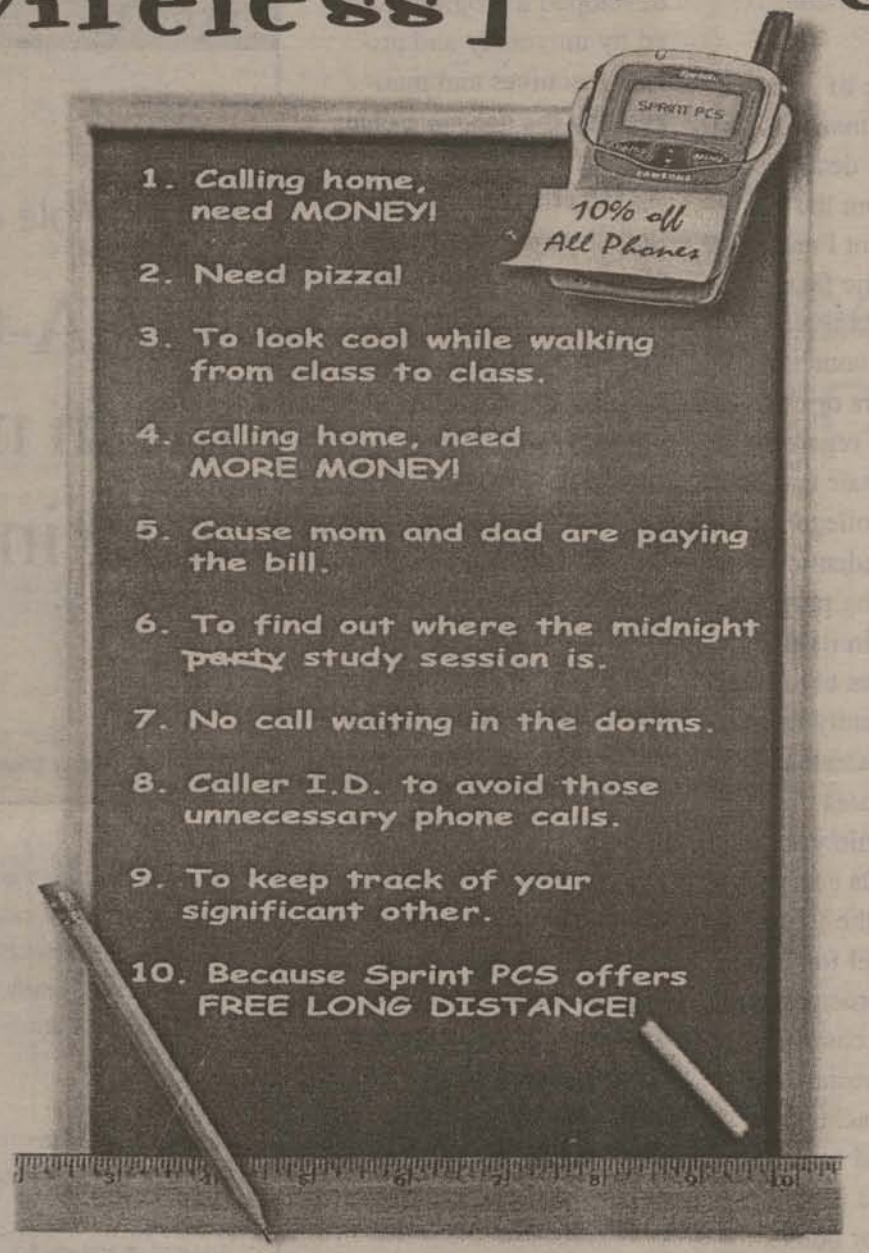
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Jazz Fest and the Strand offer alternative entertainment

by Karen Knotts

Sick of hanging out in the bar every weekend? Two upcoming events could get you out of your another-night-in-Shreveport rut.

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones perform at the Strand Theater April 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Flecktones are well-known to Dave Matthews Band fans, and opened for the band at last summer's Dallas concerts. The Flecktones' folksy bluegrass sound has made the band popular amongst college-aged tour groupies. For tickets, call the Strand box office at 226-8555.

The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is April 27 through May 6. Jazz Fest is the perfect end-of-the-semester party centered in the Big Easy. This festival features hundreds of bands and artists, including rock, blues, jazz, country, zydeco, gospel and international. Tickets are $15 per day in advance and $20 at the gate. The festival is held at Fair Grounds Race Course.

Parking at the fair grounds is limited, and often completely taken before the festival begins. The grounds are within a residential neighborhood, which makes it difficult to improvise and take a chance that your car won't get towed.

Your best bet is to use the Jazz Fest Express, which runs buses from 10:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. The buses shuttle visitors from Harrah's New Orleans Casino parking garage, Marconi Meadows in City Park and various downtown hotels. Parking your car FAR AWAY from the festival and riding a bus is much easier. You don't want to spend two days trapped in bumper-to-bumper traffic after the shows are over. My experience using the Express was much less nerve-racking than parking at the festival. The round-trip on the Express costs $10. For more information, call (888) 670-4638.

A few Jazz Fest 2001 performances:

Fri., April 27: Doug Kershaw, B.B. King, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown

Sat., April 28: The funky Meters, The Wallflowers, Chante Moore, Max Roach, Koko Taylor

Sun., April 29: Dr. John, Van Morrison, Brian McKnight, Marcia Ball

Thurs., May 3: The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Widespread Panic, Lucinda Williams

Fri., May 4: Paul Simon, Wilson Pickett, Galactic, Keb' Mo'

Sat., May 5: Mystikal, Dave Matthews Band, Cowboy Mouth, Ellis Marsalis

Sun., May 6: Fats Domino, The Neville Brothers, Maze, Al Jarreau

A series of evening concerts will be held at various venues around town. Evening concert tickets are $25 and up. Concerts at Municipal Auditorium include: Brian McKnight and Chante Moore, Friday, April 27; Van Morrison and B.B. King, Saturday, April 28; and Paul Simon and Keb' Mo', Saturday, May 5. The Widespread Panic show, May 4, is sold out.

For ticket information, contact Ticketmaster at (504) 522-5555 or at www.ticketmaster.com.

For festival information, visit www.nojazzfest.com, which can also be reached through www.insideneworleans.com.

LSUS graduate cites PRSSA as an "important part of her college experience"

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member of PRSSA during college, and that she just wanted someone to speak with her for a few minutes about what steps she should take in getting a PR job in Austin.

This initial contact eventually led to her meeting with several PRSA members who were hiring at the entry-level. And, this, Barnes said, got her the job she currently holds at Peters Group PR – a high-tech PR firm specializing in working with semiconductor, on-line banking, and software development companies.

Barnes said that PRSSA was an important part of her college experience. She said that she would advise students to take advantage of the many valuable opportunities that the organization provides.

PRSSA is open to all students regardless of their chosen major. Students interested may contact Dr. Linda Martin in BH 354, or call 797-5340.

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